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TO AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OEXC, EG

SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

REF: STATE 284451

1. SMITHSONIAN STILL LACKS ANY OFFICIAL EGYPTIAN RESPONSE TO EL DABH'S RESEARCH REPORT OR WRITTEN INDICATION FROM EGYPTIAN EMBASSY HERE OR APPROPRIATE MINISTRY, CAIRO, THAT EGYPT INTENDS PARTICIPATE IN 1976 FESTIVAL.

2. SMITHSONIAN CONTRACTS OFFICE INSISTS FESTIVAL HAVE SOME WRITTEN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY'S PARTICIPATION BEFORE CONTRACTS CAN BE INITIATED FOR TOURING ACCOMODATIONS OR TRAVEL. EFFORTS TO OBTAIN SUCH WRITTEN CONFIRMATION OF EGYPTIAN INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE FROM EMBASSY UNSUCCESSFUL WITH APPARENT TRANSFER OF FORMER CULTURAL ATTACHE BAHIG AND HESITANCY OF AHMED AZZAM TO COMMIT EMBASSY, GIVEN NEW MINISTER OF CULTURE AND NEW MINISTRY DEPUTY.

3. DR. HALIM EL DABH CABLING SOME OF HIS EARLIER CONTACTS  
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TO DETERMINE NEW MINISTER'S ATTITUDE TOWARD PARTICIPATION.

NEWLY ARRIVED EMBASSY CULTURAL OFFICER EZZELDINE MOUSTAFA  
ALSO UNDERSTOOD TO BE INQUIRING THROUGH APPROPRIATE

CHANNELS.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING USIS COULD DO TO SOUND  
OPINION OR STIMULATE FAVORABLE WRITTEN RESPONSE TO INITIAL  
SMITHSONIAN PROPOSAL, SINCE SO MANY PEOPLE ARE ALREADY  
INVOLVED AND PLANNING COOPERATION WITH EGYPTIAN GROUP  
WHEN IT ARRIVES. IF TOURS CAN BE ARRANGED, AFTER  
RECEIPT OF WRITTEN CONFIRMATION, PHILADELPHIA AND DETROIT  
ARE FIRM ENGAGEMENTS, CALIFORNIA A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY.  
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